

THE JEWS

A REPLY TO MR. DAVITT

Rev. J. Greagh, C.S.S.R., and the "Freeman's Journal"
Letter

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION

At the weekly meetings of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family at the Redemptorist Church on Monday and Tuesday nights, the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., Spiritual Director, referred at length to the letter from Mr. Michael Davitt, which appeared in Monday's *Freeman* on the subject of Jewish trade in Limerick, to which attention was drawn by Father Creagh at the Confraternity last week. At the beginning of his remarks Father Creagh said he desired it to be thoroughly understood that he entirely and fully deprecated any violence towards the Jews. Such was never his intention, and he felt sure his advice on the matter would be followed by the people. Violence of any kind would only ruin the people's cause. The only reason for which he took up this question was merely to save the Confraternity men from the ruinous trade of the Jews; and the Jewish religion, as a religion had nothing whatever to do with his statements. He noticed that the *Munster News* had stated that last week "the church by arrangement was kept with closed doors." That was not so, but every member knew that the church on Monday and Tuesday nights was only open for members of the Confraternity or those who intended to join it and no one but members had a right to come in there. Only this rule was enforced on Monday and Tuesday night last.

Mr. Davitt's Letter

Continuing, the Rev. Father Creagh said.—At the last meeting I warned you to beware of becoming the slaves of Jewish usurers. I pointed out to you that the Jews were ever the greatest haters of the name of Jesus Christ, and of everything Christian. I told you how they had wormed themselves into every form of business—that whereas they had come here a miserable tribe, they had enriched themselves upon our poverty, and I asked you to consider well whether or not we were to allow them to fasten themselves so tightly on us that we and our children should be the helpless victims of their rapacity. My address to you was reported in the public Press, and has caused no small sensation among like this which, in May last, was responsible for some of the most hideous crimes possible to perverted humanity, in a Russian city. There is not one atom of truth in the horrible allegation about ritual murder, here insinuated, against this persecuted race. Again and again, to their eternal credit, the Popes of the Middle Ages condemned this invention of sordid purpose or of blind hate, as untrue, un-Christian, and reprehensible, and no Pontiff has ever sanctioned the circulation of these abominable stories, the dissemination of which has led to the slaughter of tens of thousands of innocent lives throughout Europe in past times."

in the country at large, for, as the *Daily Independent* says—"It is a question of more than local interest, and one that will require to be dealt with sooner or later. There are few things more remarkable in the recent history of Ireland than the extraordinary extent to which the Jews have invaded the country. At the present moment they seem to swarm all over the land, and their peculiar methods of business have become very unpleasantly felt in the various centres of population. They have settled down in large numbers in Dublin, Belfast, and apparently also in other Irish cities and towns, and

Now, I did not insinuate ritual murder. I protest against such a false assertion, nor did I ever mean to raise religious strife against the Jews, for there is no reason to be afraid of the Jews making proselytes; but since I am challenged, let me simply translate a few pages from one of the greatest historians of the Catholic Church—one who would not relate a falsehood—*l'Abbe Rohrbracher*, in the "*Histoire Universelle de l'Eglise Catholique*". Here is what *l'Abbe Rohrbracher* says:—"About this time (1185) the Jews had come into evil

ply translating, let him. But I do not want to put this as a religious question, as I have said my sole reason for speaking was because of the usurous trade that the Jews are carrying on in our midst. Their method of trade is nothing new—here is an extract from Pastor's History of the Popes. Speaking of usury, he says:—"In the latter half of the tenth century, it was the Franciscans, who, with the sanction of the Apostolic See, took this social form in hand. Intercourse with all classes of society had rendered them familiar with the pitiful greed with which Jewish and Christian money-lenders took advantage of a temporary embarrass-

to demand Incredibly high interest.

prevent the exhortation trading upon the need of the smaller town-folk, the Franciscans resolved to found institutions where anyone in need of ready money could obtain it in exchange for some pledge, without interest, the working capital of the same being supplied by voluntary contributors, donations, gifts, legacies, hence the expression *montagne* (mountain), meaning a heap of money, the owner of which was supposed to be the poor general, or the institution. The Pope at first recognised the importance of these establishments, and encouraged them to the last of their power. St. Bernardino de Feltre specially was indefatigable in this direction. The extraordinary rapid diffusion of these institutions is the best proof that they responded to a real want, especially in the smaller towns. They met also plenty of resistance. The war that was waged on against them was significant as a proof of the predominance and social power which through the control of the exchange, the Jews had acquired in Italy at the time. In St. Bernardino's earid and unsparing denunciation of the Jews Jewish Chronicle suggests that the Roman Catholics should oppose restriction because the Roman Catholics who come here are themselves the vicims of religious persecution. The only Catholic immigrants who have the right to be thus described are the French Catholics, and their persecutor is the Jew-dominated French Government. It is rather significant that notwithstanding almost every leading French Protestant has protested against the treatment of the monks and nuns, not a single Jew politician nor Jew controlled newspaper in France has uttered a word of protest. Needless to say, no Englishman favours a law which would exclude a body of men and women whose only crime is not usury, forgery, perjury, swindling, or brothel keeping, but a weakness for teaching, nursing, and charity. The only English paper other than a very weak, weekly sheet that has advocated their exclusion is the *St. James's Gazette*, which was then owned, if it is not now, by a German Jew, and which has always opposed the imposition of any restrictions on the Yiddish invasion.

Father Murphy's Advice

The Rev. Father Murphy, C.C, St. John's, ritual Director of the Women's Confraternity of St. parish, addressed his congregation at their meeting last night on the subject of the Jews. He recited anything like recourse to violence. If people owed money to the Jews they should let it as they were bound to pay all their lawful debts. If it was their desire to get rid of the Jews this was the best way to accomplish it, when that was done then they need have no more dealings with them. The rev. director's words were listened to with intense interest by his congregation.

Rumoured Deputation to Dr. O'Dwyer

It is rumoured with some show of authority that a resolution has been adopted by the Jewish community on the subject of the assaults committed on them during their progress through one of the back streets of the city, and that a delegation is about to wait on his Lordship the Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer with the purpose of seeking his lordship's intervention from further annoy.

Situation To-day

As far as can be ascertained no anxiety has been caused to the Jewish section of the population, whose business carried them through public thoroughfares to-day. At the same time no aid has been in evidence, and in every instance that has come under notice, a special constable

THE RAILWAY FATA
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Death of Patrick Ma
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Mr. M. J. de Courcy, City Coroner, held yesterday at the County Infirmary, re-
death of Patrick Madigan, 21, labourer
of the Institution as a result of injuries
Ballysimon, on Friday morning, when
knocked down by a passing train, a few
hours after his master, Matthew Dwyer, being killed on
the occasion. This, it may be mentioned,
death resulting from a train
the poor fellow Dwyer was instantly
shockingly mutilated by the catastrophe
morning. A man named Slattery, a shu-
Great Southern and Western Company
almed fatal injuries the same night
Linus, while the victim of the pre-
succumbed to his wounds on Sunday
evidence was almost on all
that given at the inquest.
The latter and Madigan were
y contractors constructing a bridge at
in the act of crossing the railway
banks, the road passage at the time b-
water, they were caught by the inc-
train from Waterford due in Limerick a-
with the results already stated. Dr. M-
is evidence, stated he was called to see
on Friday. He found a punctured
wound on the right thigh, the bone of
sustained a compound fracture. There
bruise on the right elbow. Dr. Coffey
house surgeon, deposed that death res-
hook to the system consequent on t-
received. Madigan's case was critica-
lly set, and he died about 12 o'clock
night. After considering evidence, the ju-
the following verdict — That said Pa-
tian died on the 17th January instant
his death was caused by shock and
ceived by being knocked down by
train on the 15th instant, and we are
that there was gross negligence on the
Motherwell Bridge Company, by who
employed, in allowing him to cross the
line when the mail train was overdue
being no necessity for him to do so. T-
ire to express their sympathy with the
deceased."

CITY TRADE DISP

SAWEDS AT VESSDS SD

DEAR SIR—Would you be good enough to publish the following in reference to the Messrs. F. Spaight & Sons: One of our men was discharged on pay night, the reason being no reason. Another sawyer sat on his bench in the morning, but refused to leave him, saying he would be going an injustice if he left him discharged. Seven more members of the gang refused to go to the bench and were discharged, some of them being accustomed to work the bench and getting minus 6s. per week in wages paid. One sawyer working a similar machine refused to go to a machine worked by a discharged man, merely for the object of discharge.

tied down in large numbers in Dublin, Belfast, and apparently also in other Irish cities and towns, and the undesirable state of things described by Father Creagh is certainly very typical by all accounts of the state of affairs prevailing in many other localities." If Limerick is typical of other localities as regards Jewish methods, all I can say is God help our nation and our race, unless something is done, and done speedily also, to change such a deplorable state of things. Now, being responsible as I am for the welfare of the many thousands of men and boys, and seeing the greatness of the evil that stares us in the face, I would consider myself a traitor to my religion or my country if I did not raise my voice, even though I stood alone, against such an evil. I knew very well that

I would be the object of much bitter attack from the enemies of God and from those who had been duped by the Jews, by those who were in their hands and wanted to screen themselves; but I did not expect such a letter from Mr. Davitt as appeared in Monday's issue of the Freeman. I will say nothing about Mr. Davitt, or as to his motives in writing such a letter. I will give him credit for the highest; but as his letter may be against the common good,

I am surely bound to make some reply. I will read his letter for you. Mr. Davitt writes: "Sir—I will ask you to allow me a little of your space to deal with a matter which is, in my humble judgment, one of public concern to all who love and revere the Catholic religion, and who have no less a degree of affection for the name and honour of Ireland." I thoroughly agree with Mr. Davitt that this is a matter in my humble judgment, "one of public concern to all who love and revere the Catholic religion, and who have no less a degree of affection for the name and honour of Ireland." That is, just as I stated, why I spoke against the Jewish usurer. Mr. Davitt continues: "It has been the unique glory of our country that its original conquest to the cause of Christianity was effected without bloodshed, while the sons of St. Patrick have truly upheld that reputation from then till now. Irish Catholics have suffered every possible form of religious oppression known to the perverted ingenuity of the authors of the Penal Code, but it is their proud boast that neither in Ireland nor in any land to which English rule has forced them to fly did they ever resort to a counter religious persecution." Yes, unfortunately Ireland has "suffered every possible form of religious oppression known to the perverted ingenuity of the authors of the Penal Code." But tell me, is that the reason why we should voluntarily submit to another and equally cruel persecution at the hands of the Jews, as Catholics are being persecuted this very day by the power of the Jews and Freemasons of France, where, as I have told you, that all religious orders have been turned out, where their property has been confiscated and seized by the State, and Catholic children forced to go to godless schools, where the name of God, the name of their Creator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, can not be mentioned. Nor is the persecution in France anything new.

The Jews have always been a danger to Christian people.

They were the cause of the Spanish Inquisition being instituted. I do not want to defend the Spanish Inquisition, but hear what Pastor, a writer of undoubted impartiality, says in his "History of the Popes": "This tribunal [the Spanish Inquisition] was created in the first instance to deal with the special circumstances of the Jewish community in Spain. No other

Here is what l'Abbe Rohrbracher says: "About this time (1185) the Jews had come into evil notoriety in the West. The young King of France, Phillip Augustus, showed a great aversion for them, even though they were powerful throughout his kingdom, and especially Paris. His biographer, Bigord, tells the reason: 'This Prince was often heard to say to the noblemen who had been brought up with him at court that every year on Holy Saturday, or another day in Holy Week, the Jews of Paris out of contempt for the Christian religion used to murder a Christian, as in sacrifice, in the underground places of the city. As they had continued for a long time in this diabolical hatred they were convicted many times during the lifetime of his father, and had been burnt at the stake for their crimes.' Moreover, the Jews had killed and crucified St. Richard." So speaks Bigord in his life of Phillip Augustus. This is also confirmed by William of Aremoria, another chaplain of the same king. Another contemporary, Robert Abbe of Mount St. Michael, bears witness to the same statistics under the year 1171. Thibaut, Count of Chartres, he says, burnt several Jews living at Blois, because after having crucified a child at Easter

out of hatred to the Christians, they had put it into a sack and thrown it into the Loire where it was afterwards found. The Jews convicted of this crime were delivered to the flames, except those who embraced the Christian faith. They did the same cruelty to St. William at Norwich in England, in the time of King Stephen. The martyr's body was interred in the Cathedral Church and miracles were wrought at his tomb. There is mention, too, of a similar case at Gloucester, in the reign of Henry II. In France, likewise, the impious Jews have done the same in the Castle of Pontoise, to St. Richard, whose body having been carried to Paris and interred in the church, became famous for the splendour and multitude of his miracles. Brompton, an English writer, records the martyrdom of the young St. William in the ninth year of King Stephen's reign—which is the year 1144—that of the child crucified at Gloucester in the 6th year of Henry II.—that is 1160. And lastly, we find in the chronicles of Gerald, an Englishman, and in the Annals of the Abbey of Melrose, that a child named Robert was killed by the Jews at Easter, 1181, and buried in the Church of St. Edmund, where, they say, he worked numberless miracles. Such, then, is the united testimony of writers, French and English, recording the history of those times. In modern days the Jews and others pretend that these facts are calumnies, but according to the historians of that epoch the Jews were convicted judicially before the tribunals. If you say "the witnesses and judges are liars," that is no answer, for every criminal might say the same. If you say, as some say nowadays, "the Jews could not commit such crimes because God's law, which they profess, forbids such crimes"—that is to suppose a man cannot break God's law nor be a criminal. But that is begging the question. Above the Divine Law, above the Bible, the Jew puts a human law—the Rabbinical Law—the Talmud. Now, the Talmud not only permits, but commands the Jew, and recommends him to deceive and to kill a Christian every time occasion offers. This is a fact beyond doubt, and merits the concentrated attention of peoples and kings. Sixtos of Sierra—a Jewish convert of the 16th century—in his "Bibliotheca Sacra," selects parts of the Talmud, from which he takes the following passages:

1—We ordain that every Jew curse

malignity being introduced into Ireland, under the pretended form of material regard for the welfare of our workers. The reverend gentleman complained of the rags and poverty of the children of Limerick, as compared with the prosperity of the Jews, and on this ground deliberately incited the people of that city to hunt the Jews from their midst."

These words of sarcasm

on the rags and poverty of our people have an unexpected sound in the mouth of Mr. Davitt. It does not become him to laugh at Irish poverty. Nor have I deliberately "incited the people to hunt the Jews." My words were, and are—"have nothing to do with the Jews. If you have transactions with them, get out of them as soon as you can, then keep away from them." Mr. Davitt again says: "Let me suggest a field for his reforming energies, which will not require the invocation of any poisonous feeling of racial animosity or of un-Christian-like hate. Let him attack the English rule of Ireland which levies £12,000,000 of taxes every year on our lives and industries, not to the good but to the injury of our country. Let him try and induce the people of this country to save a few millions every year out of the ten millions spent needlessly on intoxicating drink. Let him do work of this kind for the good of Limerick and the progress of Ireland, and the rags he complains of and the poverty he deplores will, if he is successful, vanish far more effectively and sooner than by preaching a cowardly vendetta of anti-Semitic prejudices. Fortunately, Limerick is a stronghold of true Nationalist sentiment, and cannot be induced to dishonour Ireland by any response to such unworthy and un-Catholic invitations."

Let me thank Mr. Davitt for his kindness in pointing out such a noble field of work, but if Mr. Davitt was in daily and hourly touch with the people here as I am—if he were to see the curse brought upon the poor by the Jewish trade, if he were to see the robbery that is going on by the weekly instalment system of the Jews, and the exorbitant prices demanded for wretched goods, if he were to see the misery and strife caused in the household by the dealings of the woman of the house with the Jews—if he were to see the results of their enormous usury and the efforts made by the poor to release themselves when they have become entangled in the Jewish nets, he might begin to think they were as bad an evil to Ireland

as landlordism and over-taxation, and he might think there was enough for me to mind without my trying to do what he and his colleagues failed to do on the floor of the British House of Commons. And as regards the drink question, you, the men of the Confraternity, know my labours to put down that evil. Yes, "fortunately Limerick is a stronghold of true National sentiments," and cannot be induced to dishonour Ireland by any response to such an unworthy and un-Catholic letter as Mr. Davitt has written. Let the members of the Confraternity investigate Jewish dealings for themselves, and then if they find what I have said is true, and I am convinced that it is true, then I appeal to you not to prove false to Ireland, false to your country, and false to your religion, by continuing to deal with Jews. If the Jews are allowed to go on as they have been doing in a short time we will be their absolute slaves, and slavery to them is worse than the slavery to which Cromwell condemned the poor Irish who were shipped to the Barbadoes.

Now leave the Jews alone. Remember, I warn you to do them no bodily harm. Such a thing I could never approve of. It would not be Christian-like. But keep away from them,

stance that has come under notice, a special constable was told off to look after each individual whose avocation carried him through the different parts of the city. Our advice in the last issue of the LEADER appears to be adopted by that section of the citizens whose feelings urged them to regrettable demonstrations of unnecessary violence. No good can be gained by such a procedure. In fact it can only be best described as cowardly. If the Israelites are not wanted the best course to illustrate the fact, is not to deal with them. In the words of the Rev. Father Murphy, given above, pay them, and have done with them. If this course is maintained the attitude of those who for one reason or another use physical force, will in a short time be unnecessary for obvious reasons.

ENNIS BAILIFF SUED

(FROM OUR DISTRICT REPORTER.)

At the Ennis Quarter Sessions on Tuesday, before County Court Judge Carton, K.O., Patrick Hehir, Kilbricane, sued Alix R. Martin, special bailiff, Ennis, for the recovery of £50, for the removal of plaintiff's property from his house on August last. Mr. John Cullinan, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. Crowe (instructed by Mr. G. Kerin, solicitor), was for the defendant.

The evidence was that the defendant took possession of certain property of the plaintiff in the month of August, for Mr. Kelly, consisting of fowl, turkeys, turf, etc. The bailiff, he alleged, while in possession of the place, for about 11 days, burned the turf.

Mr. Crowe submitted an indenture conveying the lands of Kilbricane from Michael Lynch to Thomas Kelly, and there was a subsequent action in Dublin between the same parties. The defendant had been acting since as the agent for Mr. Kelly, and the plaintiff was simply a workman and hardsman of Mr. Lynch.

The defendant said he had been acting as agent for Mr. Kelly, and had his appointments in writing; he had put on cattle in the lands for Mr. Kelly in August, and they were removed four or five days after by the Lynch's; there was a good deal of wrangling between them; in the removal of the property there was nothing broken except the throwing out of the turf.

His Honor—But did the men drive out the fowl? Yes; they chased them out; they lifted out the creeps, and also the turf; nothing was broken.

Mr. Michael Lynch, in answer to Mr. Crowe, stated that he was in possession of the land since 1883; Hehir was not a caretaker, and did not work for him.

His Honor said he would give a decree for £5.

Mary O'Donoghue, Newmarket-on-Fergus, also sued Alex. R. Martin, special bailiff, Ennis, for the sum of £10 damages sustained by plaintiff by reason of the defendant having on the 26th November illegally broken into her house at Newmarket-on-Fergus. Mr. Healy, solicitor, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Kerin, solicitor, for the defendant.

The plaintiff said she kept a huxter's shop in Newmarket; when the defendant called on her he said he had two decrees against her; she went to borrow some money, but could not get it; she went to the post office to wire for some money, as she had some money then; when she returned she found the door, which was locked, opened; the bailiff had got an iron bar at her brother's forge and broke the lock, and was in possession; she gave him £8 16s.; he gave her a decree, but did not set out the expenses; the lock was broken.

After further evidence, his honor gave a decree for 40s.

to go to a machine worked by a disbarber, merely for the object of discharging seven, in fact, had plenty of work at the firm seems to want a dispute, an advance in wages was got the men subjected to tyranny. I will give you word that on account of sickness he came to work, the following morning at six was stopped and told that he should be manager. Another of our members looked over the burial of his sister, and was Just to give you the substance of the The manager asked the delegation eight men discharged unwilling to work in dispute, and was answered yes, with that, six out of the eight would back, and the manager said that the work irrespective of our rules or society bring non-society men in, and if we firm was prepared to meet us. They were sorry that they were not received spirit than by the manager remarking think if you now looked for an advantage would get it?" The mill is worked mostly by unskilled labour, and so men did not leave till the men in replaced by unskilled labour. If I work my grievances I would take up too valuable space. Trusting you will remain, yours truly,

P. Downey, Branch

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The Mayoralty

It is now almost beyond a question the present Mayor (Councillor Blich) will be returned unopposed for a second term as Chief Magistrate. Councillor gas, who notified his intention of Mayoral Chain, will, it is rumoured, candidature.

The City Shrievalty

Mr. James Flynn, proprietor of the Hotel, appears to be the favoured candidate for City Shrievalty. Mr. Flynn is deservedly popular, and has a large section of the Council. It is stated that Mr. F. Kearney, LL.D., is also a candidate.

THE SHRIEVALTY OF L COUNTY

On Monday, before Mr. John Hardiman, Justice of the High Court for taking the Knight of Glin, D.L., was sworn Sheriff of the County of Limerick. K. Lucas was re-sworn Under Sheriff.

DROWNING FATA

The body of Michael Anglim, 54, a labourer, but of no fixed place of residence, floating this morning in the Shannon, above Limerick. The deceased was the past two days. The police were the occurrence, and the Coroner, Dr. H. S. been communicated with for the inquest being held. It is believed that was an accidental one.

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